

church. The original wooden structure built on the corner of Williams and Pike Streets was replaced with a stone church in 1854.

After struggling for years under several rectors, the parish experienced a transformation under the leadership of Reverend Lawrence Stevens. He assumed the rector's position in 1881. Known for his generosity to persons in need he was also noted for his ability to comfort the sick and mourning. His energy infused the parish and the congregation became a center in the community to assist the poor and suffering. Even after his stewardship of the parish was over, his influence could still be felt. When the parish hall was added in 1927 it was named in his honor.

The congregation decided to rename the parish in 1904. Now known as All Saints Episcopal Church, the parish suffered a blow the next year. Fire destroyed part of the church. Undaunted, the parish cleared away the rubble, erected a temporary roof and continued to celebrate the Eucharist until a new building was finished in 1908. The parish continued its growth and in 1922 two hundred families made it their spiritual home. That year Reverend Bates Burt became the church's new pastor. He remained in that post for the next 25 years and guided All Saints Church in several important missions. Together with his son, Alfred, and the church organist, Wihla Hutson, Reverend Burt composed several Christmas carols. They are now known as "Burt Carols" and sung in churches throughout the Anglican Communion. He was instrumental in the building of Stevens Hall and his vision shaped the use of that structure. He saw the parish hall as not only a meeting place for the congregation but of the community as a whole. His vision of social justice and interaction with all the citizens of Pontiac has guided the parish in the intervening years.

Through the Great Depression and World War II, All Saints Parish has been a beacon to those desperate to sustain body and soul. When the congregations of other denominations decided to leave the city of Pontiac during the period of the Fair Housing Covenant and mandatory school integration, All Saints Parish voted to remain in their home in the heart of the city. The parish members believed that God had placed the church in its location and they would be violating His mandate to desert the city in its time of crisis. With the advent of Reverend Catherine Waynick as rector in 1993, the people of All Saints Parish expanded their outreach and started the Bound Together program. Serving the children of Pontiac, it provides tutoring, social activities, arts and crafts and hot food to nourish both their physical and spiritual lives.

Three rectors of All Saints Parish have been elevated to the episcopate, the Reverend Herbert Fox, the Reverend Ivor Curtis and the Reverend Catherine Waynick. In 1997 the national Episcopal Church designated All Saints as a Jubilee Center. This honor was accorded to the parish to recognize its vibrant, ongoing partnership with the greater Pontiac community.

For 165 years All Saints Parish has been a dynamic force for the public good. At every time of social need or upheaval, the parishioners have resoundingly responded by living the gospel spoken every Sunday in the sanctuary. The inspiration for living by Christian ideals is repeated again and again in the lives of the clergy and congregation of this parish.

Mr. Speaker I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the continuity of Christian life that has resonated for 16 decades and resonates today through All Saints Parish.

THE DAY LIBERTY CRIED

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to read a poem entitled "The Day Liberty Cried" written by a constituent of mine, Scott Rogers.

THE DAY LIBERTY CRIED

(By Scott Rogers)

Just another Tuesday morn
As people went their way
The cars, the trains were bustling by
Another working day
Although diverse with many faces
These people shared one hue
They lived together with Liberty
Under the colors Red, White, and Blue
Liberty was the one thing that they shared
They nurtured Her in their heart
But little that morn did they realize
That their world would be torn apart
Liberty was strong She stood proud
But on this fateful morn She cried
In horror She watched as evil attacked
So many innocent people died
Liberty bowed Her head that day
For She felt somehow that She
Had allowed these acts to come to Her shores
To the Great Land of the free
But the evil that attacked Her
Could not begin to understand
That Liberty could not be destroyed
Nor our great love for this great land
Those who tried to hurt Her
Could not break Her soul
And proudly we fought to rebuild what was lost
Although heavy was our toll
Each brick that fell was carefully removed
Each victim we will always remember
And Liberty is there to remind us all
Each Eleventh of September
We will never forget, we must not forget
Yes, . . . Liberty did cry that day
But we will never stop pledging "In God we trust"
Because? . . . We love this U.S.A.

IN HONOR OF NICOLE MARIE TOTINO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nicole Marie Totino, New Jersey's Miss Bayonne Columbus 2002. In a grand ceremony, the Bayonne Columbus Committee will crown her at a dinner dance on Saturday, September 28, 2002, at the Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Nicole Totino graduated from Bayonne's Horace Mann School and St. Dominic Academy in Jersey City. An active participant at St. Dominic Academy, she served as President of the SDA National Honor Society, and was a member of numerous clubs, including the

Math Club; Multicultural Club; Student Ambassador Club; Chess Club; Student Council; and the Outdoor Activities Club.

Her hard work and determination set her apart from her peers and during her senior year she was awarded the Class Valedictorian Award, SDA Spanish Foreign Language Medal, the Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholar Award, and the New Jersey Scholar-Athlete Award.

An avid student, Nicole attended the prestigious New Jersey Governor's School for Sciences at Drew University, St. Peter's College Summer Scholar Program, the LEAD Business Program for Minorities at Duke University, and the Columbia University summer program for high school students.

She volunteers her time at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, where she works at the annual Feast/Carnival. Nicole will start college this fall and aspires to study Economics, Latin American Studies, and Finance.

Nicole Totino is the daughter of Nick and Edna Rodriguez-Cabrera Totino and sister of Sunilka.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nicole Marie Totino, Miss Bayonne Columbus 2002. We are honored to have such an accomplished young woman representing our community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUCINDA SULLIVAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Mrs. Lucinda Sullivan of Redvale, Colorado. Mrs. Sullivan has recently been honored in the State of Mississippi as the oldest living relative of the Confederate President, Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. Sullivan grew up and has spent her life in southwestern Colorado after her grandparents relocated there in the 19th century. As Jefferson Davis' great granddaughter, Mrs. Sullivan is part of a proud legacy that is still revered throughout the South for Davis' leadership as President of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Davis was also an influential leader in the War with Mexico, and as the Secretary of War for the Franklin Pierce Administration.

In honor of her historic past, Mrs. Sullivan was anointed Queen of Pioneer Days, and has just recently traveled to the Mississippi Delta with 16 other family members for Davis' annual birthday celebration. The festivities were held at the Beavoir home and museum, and then a family reunion was prepared at Davis' other home. Both homes were owned by Davis after his former properties had been confiscated by Union soldiers after the Civil War.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize Mrs. Lucinda Sullivan before this Congress and this nation for her participation in preserving our nation's rich and enduring history. It is through the continued efforts of citizens like Mrs. Sullivan that keeps American history alive today and I commend her for her efforts.